

his countenance lighten up even in midst of pain to hear of the welfare of some little friend. Tokens of affection showered themselves upon him during his illness. A lady narrates the incident that a fortnight before he died she took her little niece, of whom he was extremely fond, to see him. He gave her some flowers, and, though suffering greatly at the time, insisted upon carefully fastening them to her dress himself.

Such is the brief chronicle of an important life. Not that much has been left in literature or science in evidence of what he accomplished. In the best sense of the term his career was imperfectly developed. He was at the point of attaining a position in life where many converging lines were meeting. A fairly lengthened span would doubtless have given opportunity for complete application of his powers. It is well known that he was on the threshold of a preferment which would have greatly increased his influence and widened and strengthened his position, when the last summons came with no uncertain sound. The spear fell from his nerveless grasp and the fight was over.

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*Stated Meeting, December 3, 1886.*

Present, 13 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Professor F. A. Genth, Jr., a lately elected member, was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows, viz: A letter of envoy with request for exchange from R. Istituto di Studi Superiori pratici e di perfezionamento in Firenze, Italy; a letter of envoy from the Foreign Office at the Hague; a letter announcing change of address from Dr. F. L. Otto Roehrig, Los Angeles, Cal.

On motion, the R. Istituto di Studi Superiori was placed on the Society's exchange list, to receive from No. 121.

College of Physicians (Philadelphia) requested the loan of portraits belonging to the Society, of such persons as were founders or fellows, to be shown at its approaching Centennial exhibition, December 28, 1886-January 6, 1887. The application was on motion referred to Curators with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting of the Society.

Accessions to the Library were received from the Depart-

ment of Mines, Melbourne; Comité Géologique, Académie Impériale des Sciences, St. Petersburg; Imperial Society of Friends of Natural Sciences, Anthropology and Ethnology, Société Impériale des Naturalistes, Moscow; Society of Naturalists of New Russia, Odessa; Mr. Emile Schwœrer, Colmar, Alsace; Foreign Office at the Hague; R. Istituto di Studi Supèriori, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale V. E., Firenze; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Ecole des Mines, Société de L'Enseignement Supèrieur, Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; Sociedade de Geographia de Lisboa; R. Meteorological Society, Zoölogical Society, "Nature," Mr. John Hampden, London; Essex Institute, Salem; Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence; Professor John S. Newberry, New York; The Buffalo Library; Engineers' Club, Franklin Institute, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Bureau of Education, The Public Opinion Co., Washington; University of California, Berkeley; Observatorio Astronomico Nacional de Tacubaya, Mexico; Imperial Observatorio do Rio de Janeiro.

A photograph of Mr. Carlier, of Paris, was received for the Society's Album.

Dr. Harrison Allen read, by appointment, an obituary notice of the late Dr. Albert H. Smith. The decease of Charles Francis Adams (Boston, Nov. 21, æt. 80) was announced, and after remarks by Messrs. Dudley and McKean on the services rendered to the United States by him during the Civil War, the President was authorized, on motion, to appoint a proper person to prepare the usual obituary notice.

The Committee on Publication reported that as the paper offered for the Transactions, November 5, by Professor Cope, had already appeared in a magazine for November its publication by the Society was not desirable, and that it should be returned to the writer. Which, on motion, was so ordered.

Nominations 1113-1150 were read.

The proceedings of the Officers and Council, of which the reading was postponed at the last meeting, were submitted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.